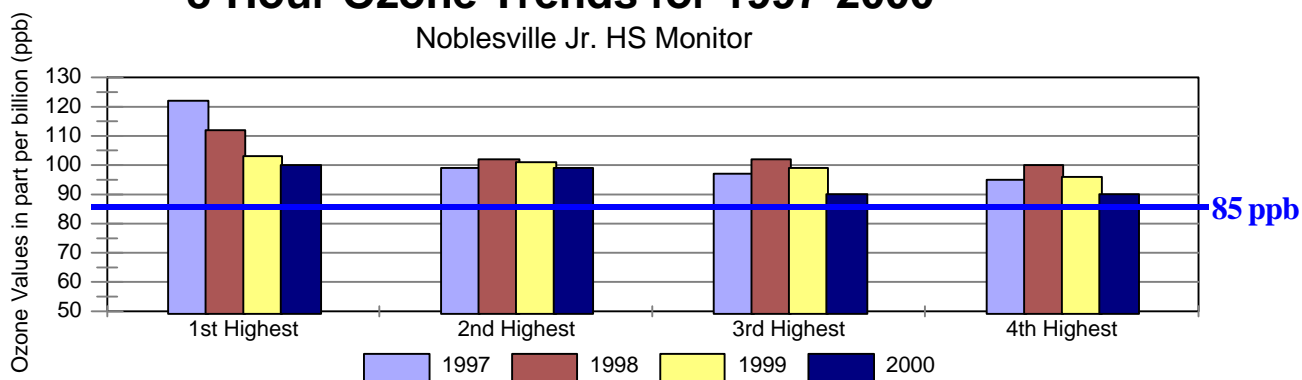
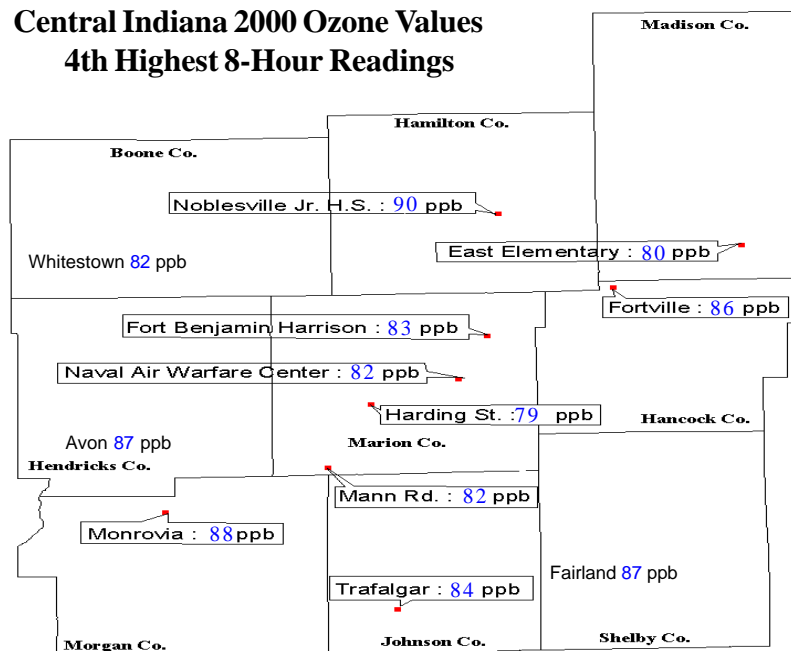


8-Hour Ozone Trends for 1997-2000

Noblesville Jr. HS Monitor



Central Indiana 2000 Ozone Values 4th Highest 8-Hour Readings



Central Indiana's highest ozone readings generally occurred at the Noblesville monitor. The chart above illustrates the four highest 8-hour ozone levels recorded in Noblesville from 1997-2000. The fourth highest concentrations from the highest site in an area are the values used for determining if an area is in attainment of the ozone health standard. EPA has indicated that nonattainment designations will likely be based on 1998-2000 data. Based on data from 1998-2000, Hamilton, Madison, Marion, Hancock, Morgan, and Johnson Counties may all be at risk of being classified nonattainment by EPA. Nonattainment areas may be required to reduce pollution from cars, factories, fuels, power plants and consumer products to help reduce ozone levels. IDEM, working with local communities, would be required to develop a plan to bring nonattainment areas into compliance with the ozone health standard.

What Can You Do?

1. Get active in ozone planning for your community. Contact the Central Indiana Knozone Committee at (317) 327-2237 to receive local information about taking a proactive approach to reduce ozone and improve air quality in Central Indiana.

2. Get in the know about ozone levels. During ozone season, listen or watch for Ozone Action Day information on your local radio and TV stations. You can even get daily ozone readings, forecasts, and monitor data from Indiana's Smog Watch web site. Check out the Smog Watch Web site at <http://www.state.in.us/idem/oam/smog> or call our toll-free Smog Watch Forecast Line at (800) 631-2871 from May through September.

3. Reduce your impact. Ride share; fill up the car or mow your lawn after dusk; and go inside the bank or restaurant instead of using the drive-thru. By making these efforts you can help reduce your impact on high ozone days. For more information on Indiana's ground-level ozone monitoring or voluntary reductions programs, contact OAQ Outreach at (800) 451-6027.

